



Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2025, 1:30 P.M.
5400 N. Grand Blvd.
1st floor conference room
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders, Dr. Ashlyn Fiegener, John Daniel, Kathryn Szallar, Ken Parker, and Geoff Kingsley

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: All commission members were present, except for one vacant seat.

OTHER REGULAR ATTENDEES: Office of Educational Quality and Accountability Staff: Dr. Megan Oftedal, Rusty Faircloth, Eric Jones, and Tatyana Blakemore

VISITORS: Dr. Jerry Mihelic, OACTE; Wendy Pratt, ALEX/OSR; Nuria Martinez-Keel, Oklahoma Voice

Call to Order: Secretary of Education Nellie Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Introduction of Commission Members and Roll Call: Mr. Daniel asked for the roll call to be taken. Six Commission members were present, and it was established that a quorum existed.

Welcome from Dr. Megan Oftedal: Dr. Megan Oftedal, Executive Director, welcomed and introduced others present to the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Secretary Sanders made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Szallar seconded the motion. The motion passed per the following vote:

Dr. Fiegener: approved Ms. Szallar: approved
Mr. Daniel: approved Mr. Kingsley: approved
Mr. Parker: approved Secretary Sanders: abstained

Discussion and Possible Action to: *Adopt Foundations of Reading as an approved educator competency assessment and authorize OEQA to take all necessary action to implement the Foundations of Reading assessment; for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Strong Readers Act.* Secretary Sanders made a motion to *Adopt Foundations of Reading as an approved educator competency assessment and authorize OEQA to take all necessary action to implement the Foundations of Reading assessment; for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Strong Readers Act.* Dr. Fiegener seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action: *Authorize OEQA to take all necessary action to redevelop, adopt, and implement the Oklahoma Reading Test as an approved educator competency assessment; for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Strong Readers Act.* Secretary Sanders made a motion to *table Authorize OEQA to take all necessary action to redevelop, adopt, and implement the Oklahoma Reading Test as an approved educator competency assessment; for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Strong Readers Act.* Dr. Fiegener seconded and the motion to table item carried unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to: *Authorize OEQA to direct Teaching Certification Scholarship Program funds to teacher candidates taking the Foundations of Reading educator competency assessment for the first-time and take any necessary administrative steps to award scholarships.* Secretary Sanders made a motion to *Authorize OEQA to direct Teaching Certification Scholarship Program funds to teacher candidates taking the Foundations of Reading educator competency assessment for the first-time and take any necessary administrative steps to award scholarships.* Dr. Fiegener seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to: *Authorize OQEA to take all steps necessary to accept donations to be used for Standard Setting Study.* Secretary Sanders made a motion to *table Authorize OQEA to take all steps necessary to accept donations to be used for Standard Setting Study.* Dr. Fiegener seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action: *Ratify OEQA's Services Agreement with Dr. Mike Nelson to support Program Review mandates.* Mr. Parker made a motion to *Ratify OEQA's Services Agreement with Dr. Mike Nelson to support Program Review mandates.* Ms. Szallar seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action to: *Authorize OEQA to enter into a Services Agreement with Dr. Dana Oliver to support Strong Readers Act and/or other literacy education legislation*, Mr. Kingsley made a motion to *Authorize OEQA to enter into a Services Agreement with Dr. Dana Oliver to support Strong Readers Act and/or other literacy education legislation*. Dr. Fiegener seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action Commission Sub-committees. Secretary Sanders made a motion to *approve the Commission Subcommittees*. Mr. Daniel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. The minutes of March 12th, 2025, regular meeting of the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability were approved at the April 9th 2025 Commission meeting.